

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Condino, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett. (16/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Zelenko. (1/17)

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 4342** before the committee.

HB 4342 Moore Single business tax; tax base; 100% of health care costs; exclude from compensation.

Representative Tim Moore, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

James Hop, representing Packaging Direct Inc., testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Representative Phillip Pavlov testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Ann Wilton, representing All Star Services, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4342**.

Wendy Hofmeyer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Franklin Ellias, representing Betty R. Ellias, LLC and Best PEO, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Representative Dick Ball testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Sam McLaren, representing McLaren Inc., testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Representative David Law testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Steve Johnson, representing Vast Technologies, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Representative Rick Baxter testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

Ron Phillips, representing Hi-Tech Flexible Products, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4342**.

The following people turned in testimony cards in support of **HB 4342** but did not wish to speak:

Eric Henning representing the Michigan Business and Professional Association
Sarah Hubbard representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
Jared Rodriguez representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Christine Shearer representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans
Chuck Hadden representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association
Matt Groen representing the Michigan Restaurant Association
Brandt Coultas representing the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce
Dawn Crandall representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders
George Carr representing the Michigan Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
Matt Hanley representing the Michigan Bankers Association
Scott Lyon representing the Small Business Association of Michigan

Representative Meyer moved to report **HB 4342** with recommendation. **Representative Jones** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau. (10/17)

NAYS: Reps. Condino, Miller, Meisner, Bennett. (4/17)

PASS: Reps. Bieda, Farrah. (2/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Condino moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Gosselin** supported the motion. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the minutes of the February 16, 2005 meeting.

Representative Condino supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:42 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-2052